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STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said county in said State, personally appeared W.L. Christian who, after being first by me duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

He is 65 years of age and has lived in the vicinity of Columbiana for the past 45 years and has all along been well acquainted with the property described below and those in possession of it. Said property being described as follows:

Begin at the northeast corner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 21, Range 1 West, Shelby County, Alabama, and run south, 2 degrees 45 minutes east, 203 feet along said 40 acre line; thence run south, 84 degrees 35 minutes west, 73 feet to the beginning point; thence continue south 84 degrees 35 minutes west 350 feet to the east line of Main Street in the town of Columbiana, Alabama; thence run south, 4 degrees east, 279 feet along said street; thence run north, 84 degrees 35 minutes east, 350 feet; thence run north 4 degrees west, 270 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 21, Range 1 West and being in Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama.

That when affiant first remembers said property, which was in 1896, it was owned by W.I. Sinnott and was a part of the property then being some ten acres, known as the James T. Leeper home place. W.I. Sinnott lived on said property for a number of years but for a few years before he sold it, he rented it out to tenants each and every year. During the time W.I. Sinnott owned said property described above it was used for a pasture or was cultivated each and every year. In 1906 W.I. Sinnott sold the James T. Leeper home place, which had been reduced to some eight acres, but which home place included the above described property, to W.P. Gilbert, who lived on said place each and every year and farmed or used the above described property for a pasture each and every year until 1913 when said place was sold to A.L. Compton. In 1912 W.P. Gilbert deeded said place to his wife, Sara F. Gilbert, who was in possession of said place until it was sold, as aforesaid. A.L. Compton was the wife of J.H. Compton and she and her husband lived on the said James T. Leeper home place, which included the above described property, until some 4 years before they sold it to Mary V. Northrup in 1920 and the said Comptons rented said place out to tenants who lived on it each and every year until it was purchased by Mary V. Northrup. The above described property was used as a pasture or was cultivated each and every year during the time the said Comptons owned it and the above described property is now and has been under fence, to my knowledge for the past 35 years. Mary V. Northrup went into immediate possession of said James T. Leeper home place, which now comprised some six acres and included the above described property and has lived on said place continuously until this very day and the above described property was either cultivated or used as a pasture by Mary V. Northrup or person who rented from her each and every year during the time she owned it.

That the possession of Mary V. Northrup and those through whom she claims has since 1896 to affiant's own knowledge been open, actual, notorious, adverse, hostile, exclusive, peaceful, quite, continuous and under color of title and claim of ownership. That affiant has never known of anyone being in possession of said property claiming adverse to said owners, nor has he known of anyone disputing their title.

W.L. Christian

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Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 15 day of September, 1941.

FILED IN OFFICE THIS 31 DAY OF OCTOBER, 1941 AT 10:30 A.M.

B.Z. Cooper

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L.C. WALKER—JUDGE OF PROBATE